CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 5, 2019 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Alejandro Marin of Pan de Vida gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Soto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Code Compliance Supervisor Joylyn Castaing, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Interim Director of Human Resources and Records Carl Crown, Chief of Police Phillip Hansen, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Planning Division Manager Ryan Hostetter, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Assistant City Attorney Jeffrey Patrick, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Acting Building Division Manager Alex Rodriguez, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

1 PROCLAMATIONS
There were no proclamations.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Kathy Hayes spoke about the need for locations in Santa Maria that could be used as warming centers.

Jeffrey Hall, representing NAACP, spoke in support of Propositions 47 and 57, and the use of police body cameras for the Santa Maria Police Department.

William Wagener spoke about dated public access televisicn system equipment, and requested that studio hours be extended for public access.

Paul Kirk, Lisa Toke, Bob Hedley, Barry McGee, Marc Scheible, Kathy Gentry, Glenn Newman, and Chris Johnson spoke in favor of the Model Lease 2020,

Daniel Swanson, Gary Hall, Jackie Narachi, Lois Sullivan, Eileen Encinias, Susan Kappa, Esther Jensen, and C. Jeanne Gladson expressed concern that mobile home residents may have signed the Model Lease 2020 thinking there was no alternative, and encouraged the City Council to come up with an enforceable mobile home rent stabilization ordinance.

Lilly Jimenez spoke about being harassed by an individual in the community and asked for assistance.

Cliff Solomon spoke about a recent arrest by the Santa Maria Police and requested that body cameras be used by the department.

Gale McNeely spoke in support of a rent control stabilization ordinance; requested that Item 3D (a resolution supporting the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020) be pulled off the Consent Agenda and added to a future meeting to allow for public comment; and asked for increased training for the Police Officers in the City.

Kathy Sharum spoke on Item 3D on the Consent Agenda, and expressed concern about racism in the City.

Anaei Santos expressed concern over a recent arrest by the Santa Maria Police.

Sara MacDonald, representing League of Women Voters, introduced herself.

City Manager Stilwell commented that staff continues to work to find a warming center facility that works for all involved. The Police Department is conducting an investigation into the recent arrest by City officers. The Model Lease 2020 will be presented at the November 19th City Council meeting. Item 3D of the Consent Agenda is based on a recommendation by the legislative platform of the League of California Cities.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Soto requested that Item 3D, Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020, be pulled for discussion and a separate vote. Comments were made and questions answered by staff.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3E were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2019-119, 2019-120, and 2019-121. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings Waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 15, 2019.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt Resolutions approving an updated Wage and Benefit Package for the Non-Represented Management & Confidential (NMAC) Employees and Public Safety Managers (PSM).

Action: Wage and benefit packages were approved for non-represented Management & Confidential Employees and Public Safety Managers.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2019-119 and 2019-120, respectively. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution supporting the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020.

Action: Support was given to the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-121. 3-2. Noes: Councilmember Cordero and Councilmember Soto.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

4 APPOINTMENTS

A. The City Council considered making one appointment to the *Block Grants Advisory Committee*. (Chief Deputy City Clerk)

Action: No appointment was made.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **2019 TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.** The City Council considered an Ordinance amending various sections of the Santa Maria Municipal Code relating to tree maintenance, water service, wastewater collection, treatment and disposal, parades and assemblies, rules of conduct at the Library, traffic regulations, and public safety and welfare. Assistant City Attorney Patrick gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Input
Kathy Sharum spoke in opposition to the tree maintenance portion of the Ordinance, and requested that both the Director of Public Works and the Director of Recreation & Parks work together to make decisions with the City's arborists before cutting, trimming trees.

There was discussion about the tree maintenance portion of the Ordinance, and who could decide that a tree needs removing or trimming. Councilmember Soto asked that both the Directors of Public Works and Recreation and Parks always coordinate their decisions about removal and trimming of trees, and for that requirement to be specifically stated in the Ordinance.

Staff assured the City Council that the two Directors do coordinate such decisions, but the Ordinance as written provides flexibility in the event one or the other are not available.

Action: Introduce for the first reading, and continue to the next meeting for second reading and adoption, an Ordinance amending various sections of the Santa Maria Municipal Code relating to tree maintenance, water service, wastewater collection, treatment and disposal, parades and assemblies, rules of conduct at the Library, traffic regulations, and public safety and welfare.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats. Motion carried. Introduced as Ordinance No. 2019-09, as submitted. 4-1. Noes: Councilmember Soto.

B. **2019 BUILDING AND FIRE CODE UPDATES TO THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.** The City Council considered updates to the Santa Maria Municipal Code (SMMC) relating to building and fire codes, in alignment with recently adopted State of California building codes that will take effect January 1, 2020. Director of Community Development Ng gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. He highlighted some of the more significant changes required by the State such as the mandatory installation of solar photovoltaics for new residential developments, new Home Energy Rating System testing for ventilation systems, electric vehicle charging stations for new parking lots, revisions to the national standards for structural steel and masonry construction, and the inclusion and adoption of the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code.

Director Ng also noted that a section in the Fire Code was inadvertently left out of the Ordinance during its development. In Section 25 of the Ordinance, new Section 6-13.05.3. should read as follows:

"If the number of applications exceeds the number of authorized permits, a lottery system, developed and administered by the Recreation and Parks Department, shall be implemented to determine which qualified applicants receive permits. A lottery shall be conducted each year that the number of applicants exceeds the number of authorized booths."

Staff requested that the City Council include the correction in their motion to introduce the Ordinance.

There were questions about the introduction of the International Property Maintenance Code, and its purpose.

Staff provided that it gave the City more flexibility and tools for greater code enforcement of property-related violations, and assured the City Council that it would be used on a proactive and cooperative basis.

Action: Introduce and Ordinance for first reading and continue to the next meeting for second reading and adoption, amending Chapters 9-1 through 9-19 of Title 9 of the City of Santa Maria Municipal Code concerning building and fire regulations and adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, as amended to include the corrected language for new Section 6-13.05.3.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats. Motion carried. Introduced as Ordinance No. 2019-10, as amended. 4-1. Noes: Councilmember Soto.

C. **CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION UPDATE.** The City Council received an update on Code Enforcement activities and provide direction to staff on the City Council's priorities for the Code Enforcement Division. Code Enforcement Supervisor Castaing gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Input
Elizabeth Schneider and Nancy Stewart spoke in support of the Code Enforcement Division and the activities it had been working on.

Action: Provide direction to staff on Code Enforcement priorities.

D. **FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS.** The City Council received a financial report for the first quarter of 2019-20, and considered amendments to the 2019-20 Budget. Director of Finance Harvey gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

There were questions relating to the use of community centers and why no funds were being set aside to open them on holidays and during the winter periods for youth drop-ins.

Director of Finance Harvey indicated that there was salary savings in the Measure U, Recreation and Parks, Youth Services Division that could fund some programs and staffing for the community youth drop-in centers.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving amendments to the 2019-20 budget for personnel and operational changes for the first quarter ending September 30, 2019.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-122, with the inclusion of a $50,000 allocation from Measure U salary savings in Recreation and Parks, Youth Services Division, to cover staff and program funds for community drop-in centers during holidays and winter season, and return to the City Council with a request for a funding allocation for more open hours at the drop-in centers during the 2020-2022 budget cycle. 5-0.

E. **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE.** The City Council considered an agreement with Raimi and Associates to develop a comprehensive update to the General Plan; and considered implementing a General Plan maintenance fee. Director of Community Development Ng gave the presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Input
Laurie Tamura spoke in favor of the General Plan update, and suggested an alternative funding mechanism to a permit maintenance fee which was used last time the General Plan was updated.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving a contract with Raimi and Associates to develop a comprehensive update to the General Plan, and approving a General Plan maintenance fee to be included in the Citywide fee study update.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2019-123, that includes a five percent building permit maintenance fee. Direction was also given to look into finding other funding sources to assist with paying for the General Plan update, and return to a future meeting for discussion. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be November 19, 2019. Items on the agenda would include the presentation of the employee recognition GEM Award; the first reading of the Art Program ordinance; the first reading of the Vaping and Flavored Tobacco regulations ordinance; and approval of the mobile home Model Lease 2020 agreement.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a LCAP meeting with the school district; the State of the City event; and the Empty Bowls fundraiser.

Councilmember Moats reported he attended the State of the City event.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference; the State of the City event; the Empty Bowls fundraiser; a CCWA meeting; a COLAB meeting; a meeting regarding H-2A housing; and a Teen Challenge meeting.

Councilmember Soto reported she attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference; the State of the City event; and the Empty Bowls fundraiser.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference; the Veterans Stand-Down; the State of the City event; a couple of Rotary meetings; a meeting with the Grand Jury; the Empty Bowls fundraiser; the Taxpayers & Industry's Economic Action Summit; a CDBG Grant pre-application workshop; an SBCAG City Selection Committee meeting; and a Teen Challenge meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m. in memory of former Recreation & Parks Commissioner Rod Rodenberger who served 17 years on the Commission. He was involved with many of the City's successful projects including the Hagerman Sports Complex, the Elwin Mussell Senior Center, and the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center.

Approved at a regular meeting on November 19, 2019.

12/2/2019

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

12/2/2019

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria